



Florida House of Representatives

Representative Mia L. Jones

Democratic Leader pro tempore

District 14

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As the recently appointed and first ever Health Commissioner in Jacksonville, Florida charged with enrolling more than 25,000 uninsured Duval County children in Medicaid, a State Representative involved in numerous community events including Comcast Cares Day, and the present special assistant to Mayor Alvin Brown, I am writing to ask that you approve the proposed merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

I have a vested interest in ensuring that all of my constituents, particularly those at risk, underemployed, unemployed and on the fringe of society as a result of their financial status have access to the tools they need to succeed - including broadband. The sad truth in our society is if you aren't online you aren't in the know. Not being able to tap into the Internet could be the difference between getting an interview or not getting that interview, getting an A on a paper or simply scraping by in a class. Simple job searches for those out of work, kids doing research for a school project can make a huge difference. It's estimated presently 100 million Americans right now do not have access to the Internet. That number is absolutely astounding!

I have been intimately involved with the Comcast Internet Essentials program and can personally tout its benefits. Internet Essentials gives families with at least one child enrolled in the National School Lunch Program the opportunity to sign up for low cost Internet access. These are the same children I am presently responsible for enrolling in our Medicaid program so access to broadband is access to health care. That is what Comcast is bringing to our communities...access. Children who can realize good health, proper education and the supportive tools to learn will only benefit our district in a positive way.

With Comcast's present commitment to affordable internet and community presence, its proposed partnership with Time Warner Cable will ensure that more children and families have access - to broadband, to health care, to education, to opportunity. Put simply, your approval of this deal gives thousands (particularly children) a better chance at learning, growing, prospering and giving back to their communities.

I sincerely hope you will favorably consider this proposed transaction.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Mia L. Jones
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